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SUBJECT: PUBLICITY ON JOINT SECURITY COMMISSION

1. SINCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA WILL BECOME KNOWN AND IN VIEW OF FACT THERE HAS BEEN STATED PUBLICLY IN JUNE 8 JOINT STATEMENT THAT JOINT COMMISSION HEADED BY MR. ELLSWORTH WOULD BE MEETING IN SAUDI ARABIA IN FALL OF THIS YEAR, WE THINK IT IS BETTER TO RELEASE SIMPLE BACKGROUND STATEMENT FOR USE BY MEDIA OF FACT OF VISIT IN ADVANCE TO AVOID UNNECESSARY SPECULATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS BACKGROUNDER WHICH DOD PLANS RELEASE TO MEDIA ON NOV 5 AND WHICH YOU SHOULD SHOW TO SAUDIS.

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-- APRIL 5, 1974 JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT IN WHICH "SAUDI ARABIA

AND U.S. EXPRESSED READINESS EXPAND COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY, AND INDUSTRY, AND IN THE SUPPLY OF THE KINGDOM'S REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. "

--JUNE 8 1974 JOINT STATEMENT ON COOPERATION FOLLOWING VISIT OF PRINCE FAHD TO WASHINGTON. AGREED TO ESTABLISH A "JOINT COMMISSION TO REVIEW PROGRAMS ALREADY UNDER WAY FOR MODERNIZING SAUDI ARABIA'S ARMED FORCES IN LIGHT OF THE KINGDOM'S DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS ESPECIALLY AS THEY RELATED TO TRAINING. THE COMMISSION WILL BE HEADED BY THE ASD(ISA) AND BY HRH THE VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION FOR SAUDI ARABIA. THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS COMMISSION WILL TAKE PLACE IN SAUDI ARABIA IN THE FALL OF THIS YEAR."

--SINCE JUNE, DOD HAS GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION TO AN INTENSIVE REVIEW OF SAUDI ARABIA'S DEFENSE NEEDS BASED ON PREVIOUS AND ON-GOING SURVEYS. DOD RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH EMPHASIZE TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS, WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL DURING SECRETARY ELLSWORTH'S VISIT.

--A SMALL TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WILL HAVE PRECEDED SECRETARY ELLSWORTH'S ARRIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING ON-GOING DOD-RELATED PROGRAMS.

--THE PURPOSE OF SECRETARY ELLSWORTH'S TRIP IS TO FACILITATE WHATEVER DEGREE OF EXPANDED COOPERATION MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED. INGERSOLL

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